



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **AIRTRAN CHOOSES MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL BECAUSE OF ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson is touting the success of General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) as the driving force behind AirTran Airways aggressive expansion of service.

On Tuesday, AirTran announced new flights to Minneapolis-St. Paul, Denver, St. Louis, and Branson, Missouri, along with enhanced service to Los Angeles, Boston and Tampa. The expansion, which will begin in May, makes Milwaukee the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest operation in AirTran's network.

"It's clear that Mitchell International's track record of being one of the most effective and efficient airports in the United States led AirTran to focus on Milwaukee," said Supervisor Larson, whose district includes GMIA. "I'm proud that Milwaukee County operates this world-class airport, and I am pleased that AirTran Airways is using low fares to stimulate even more passengers to Mitchell, which just broke another passenger record in 2008."

Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport is funded entirely through user fees. No property tax dollars are used in its operation. Supervisor Larson is a member of the County Board's Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee, which provides policy direction for both Mitchell and Timmerman Airports in Milwaukee County.

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